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March 12, 2004

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Kozo NOGI, Shigeru SAKAMOTO, Noriaki MIZUTANI, Yorimichi  
DAIROKU and Kunihiro ISHIZAKI  
SURFACE CROSSLINKING TREATMENT METHOD OF WATER-ABSORBING RESIN  
POWDER

**Assignee: NIPPON SHOKUBAI CO., LTD.**

Our Ref. Q80405

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising fifty-nine (59) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawing, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>13</u>	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	<u>3</u>	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$770.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									\$290.00

**TOTAL FILING FEE**

**\$1060.00**

Recordation of Assignment

\$40.00

**TOTAL FEE**

**\$1100.00**

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1060.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2003-070188	March 14, 2003

The priority document will be filed at a later date.

Respectfully submitted,  
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